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FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5286

INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEGUCIGALPA 3574

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BDIS ENRG PINT HO

SUBJECT: PETROLEUM PROBLEM

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 3545; GUATEMALA 4519

1. ACUERDO ISSUED WITHOUT CHANGE AND ASSIGNED NUMBER 288 (COPY POUCHED). COMBINED EFFORTS OF HONDURAN INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION, BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION, BANKERS' ASSOCIATION AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DURING WEEKEND AND SEPT. 17 INEFFECTIVE IN CHANGING A SINGLE WORD OF PROJECTED LAW OR POINT 3 CITED REFTEL.
2. IN EARLY MORNING HOURS SEPT 18 MINECON BENNATON OFFERED POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATION WITH INDUSTRY GROUPS ON TERMS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE TO INTERESTED PARTIES. DETAILS NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE. AT ANY RATE NOTHING POSITIVE RESULTED.
3. DISTRIBUTING COMPANIES HAVE FORWARDED NEW CONDITIONS OF DOING BUSINESS TO RESPECTIVE FRONT OFFICES FOR  
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ANALYSIS AND WILL AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS. IT DOES NOT

APPEAR DISTRIBUTORS HAVE ANY FURTHER CARDS TO PLAY UNTIL INSTRUCTED.

4. POSSIBLE RESPONSES SEEM TO HINGE UPON TEXACO DUE TO ITS POSITION AS REFINER AND DISTRIBUTOR. TACK SUCH AS INDICATED IN GUATEMALA 4519 MIGHT HAVE SOME EFFECT DUE TO FACT THAT ACUERDO 288 MAKES NO PROVISION FOR EITHER NEW BUYERS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS OR FOR EXPANSION OF PURCHASES BY EXISTING BUYERS. ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE MIGHT BE TO RAISE AGAIN WITH THE GOH THE QUESTION OF CRUDE SUPPLY TO REFINERY.

5. PENDING CORPORATE ANALYSIS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO LOCAL DISTRIBUTORS, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT PRESSURE THROUGH INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESSMEN'S GROUPS WILL BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON GOVERNMENT THROUGH OTHER MINISTERS. THE PRINCIPLES INVOLVED IN THE ACUERDO ARE MORE BROAD REACHING THAN AN ECONOMIC ATTACK AGAINST FOREIGN PETROLEUM INTERESTS.  
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